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Competence of the Civil Surgeon, Tuticorin, to treat medical and surgical cases.

* 218 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Civil Surgeon in charge of the Headquarters Hospital at Tuticorin (Dr. K. Kannan Nambiyar) has all these years that he has been in service been only a Professor of Chemistry; and

(*b*) if so, whether he is competent to treat surgical and medical cases in that hospital ?

A.—(*a*) Dr. Kannan Nambiyar was entertained as a temporary Civil Assistant Surgeon in May 1923, and he was appointed as Lecturer in Chemistry at the end of September 1923. He has been teaching Chemistry ever since. He was doing general professional work during the period July 1915 to September 1923.

(*b*) Yes.

Duty of the Medical Officers in the Government Gosha Hospital, Madras, to attend to out-patient cases.

* 219 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Medical Officers in the Government Gosha Hospital, Madras, are being compelled to attend to out-patient cases every morning besides the in-patients in their respective wards; and

(*b*) whether they are able to do both the duties without prejudice to either?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

Private practice by the Director of the Government Tuberculosis Institute.

* 220 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that Rao Bahadur M. Kesava Pai, Director of the Government Tuberculosis Institute and Superintendent of the Tuberculosis Hospital, is running a regular public dispensary, under the name of Research Laboratory, in Harris Road, Egmore; and

(*b*) whether he has taken the permission of the Government or of the Surgeon-General for running the same?

A.—(*a*) The Research Laboratory is run by M.R.Ry. K. Venkat Rao Avargal, M.B.B.S. M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur M. Kesava Pai Avargal, M.D.C.M., has nothing to do with it.

(*b*) Does not arise.